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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have had AT&T as my internet and phone service provider for more than ten years. In that ten years, although my download speeds have only marginally improved and the overall service response has been very poor from AT&T, my bill continues to increase. The only other option in my neighborhood for a long time was Charter Spectrum, who according to my neighbors also provided very mediocre speeds for a very high price.

This duopoly of internet service providers is in stark contrast to when broadband service was first launched in my community, when early internet startups like EarthLink provided good service at reasonable prices before the rapid consolidation in the industry began.

For that reason, when Sonic Internet became available in my community, I immediately changed over to them for my internet and phone service. Although Sonic is utilizing AT&T leased lines, Sonic has offered excellent customer service because they have an incentive to build their customer base and remain competitive. This is the polar opposite of AT&T, whose duopoly in the market gives them no incentive whatsoever to provide competitive services at a fair price.

I ask that you allow for continued competition in the market so that small startups again can provide innovation in the market and provide service that is tailored for the community. Please do not allow AT&T to become a rehash of the Bell Systems of the 1970s.

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